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JACL Office Open in Block 42

Ray L. Smith, Los Angeles attorney, has distributed through the national JACL more than 25,000 printed application forms to voters in the various relocation and assembly centers.

Voters are urged to send in their applications early in order to cast their ballot before the deadline. Applications should be directed to the registrar of voters or the county clerk of the voter's county.

"Every citizen here should exercise his right to vote. We will aid them in every way possible," thus E. R. Fryer, acting project director indicated his interest in the absentee ballot voting in general elections.

L. A. County registrants should apply to M. J. Donoghue, registrar of voters, 808 N. Spring St., Los Angeles. Ventura County registrants should apply to L. E. Hollowell, County Clerk.

In order to aid voters in this election, JACL will open an office in block 42 next week. This office will serve as headquarters for the Gila Chapter now in the process of formation.

Assurance was given by E. R. Fryer that notary service will be available free of charge to those casting ballots.

STOCKTON, FRESNO ARRIVE TODAY

The arrival of 350 residents from Stockton and Fresno today, followed by 2,302 Santa Anita miscreeds, will fill Gila colony to its capacity, announced John C. Henderson, head of housing.

With an estimated 500 in each contingent, composed of former residents of western Los Angeles and Pasadena, the first group is expected to arrive tomorrow noon. They will be inducted at the housing department, rec. hall 29.

Butte Citizens Poll 1,813 Votes:

21 Block Representatives Elected

Butte Community's 21 Block Representatives were elected at Thursday's elections when approximately 45% of the eligible voters cast their ballots.

Akira Kaizoji of block 49 polled 174 votes to lead the field. He was uncontested. Three other candidates, Robert Hiramatsu of 40, Jimmy Fujimoto of 54, and Keizo Ishizu of 58 were others receiving all votes cast.

Tom Koyama of 47 was elected by a margin of two votes over George Sahara,

Colony Leaves Keep Steady Pace

Two former South Pasadenaans, Frederick K. Ishii and Lawrence Fujii, left the Gila colony Wednesday night. Entering on a special military permit, Fujii remained within the community for several days and will travel to the Middle West, while Ishii is destined for the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska, also the destination of Jack Sameshima, departing Monday.

With Sameshima will be Johnny Arima, bound for Drake University at Des Moines, Iowa, and Tom Uramoto of Canal to be reunited with his parents in Carson City, Nevada.

Butte - Canal Workers Ride

Transportation service between Butte and Canal for workers, Caucasians, and evacuees was established on October 15.

A truck will leave the respective administration building of the two communities at 7:45 every morning and continual 30 minute service will be maintained. Service is limited only to those individuals with business purposes.

The closest total result came in block 63 where Ted Soyeshima became Block Representative. Henry Kondo with 24 votes, Joe Miyamoto with 22, and Cathleen Shimamura with 19 contested him strongly.

TWO WOMEN CANDIDATES

Two women candidates vied with the men for Council offices—Florence Hasegawa of 61 and Cathleen Shimamura of 63. Six write-in candidates were recorded. Five received single votes and Taki Asakura polled four in block 72.

A total of 1,813 votes were cast. Registered voters numbered 2,327. There is an estimated 4,000 voters in Butte. Block 49 led in registered voters and the number voting with 207 and 174, respectively.

BLOCK REPRESENTATIVES

Elected Block Representatives are 39—William Nishino, 40—Robert Hiramatsu, 46—Tom Kurihard, 47—Tom Koyama, 48—Ken Kitasako, 49—Akira Kaizoji, 51—Ivan Ishiguri, 52—Tetsuya Mayeda, 54—Jimmy Fujimoto, 55—Bill Oyama, 56—Robert Uyamura, 57—George Nishimura, 58—Keizo Ishizu, 59—Eric Kawai, 60—Thomas Mizuno, 61—Kenzo Goto, 63—Ted Soyeshima, 64—Buichi Umeda, 65—Bill Kato, 66—Shigayoshi Kusaba, 72—Eddie Muneno.

Rules on Night Travel Stated

Parolees released from internment camps are not required to report regularly while within a relocation center, clarified W. E. Williamson, director of internal security, following a letter from the Parole Officer, El Paso, Texas.

PASS REQUIRED AT NIGHT

Colonists who leave the camp premises at night without a pass are subject to arrest by the military police for violation of a Presidential Proclamation. Residents may move in any part of the 15,000 acres during the daytime.